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Dear Mr. Powell and other members of the FCC:

I am writing to urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 to restrict XM instant traffic and weather. This service is a necessary and long overdue addition to busy urbana America. Local broadcasters have not been able to provide these valuable additional services to major metropolitan areas. Those of us who subscribe to this satellite service pay for the privilege to do so. why should the National Association of Broadcasters be permitted to stifle competition when they can not or will not provide this same service of 24 hour local weather and traffic reports? As you know antitrust laws are specifically designed to foster competition in the market place and I suggest to you that to limit broadcasting of traffic and weather to a single form of radio outlet is anticompetative on its face and most certainly does not comport with the spirit of the antitrust laws. Most urban areas now have cable channels which serve the local area. These channels compete with both the older outlets and written media. why is XM radio any different than the local cable channels who in contradistinction depend on single sources for their non-local content. Should the local cable channels be banned because they compete with older outlets on the national level? Please allow the XM local broadcasts to stay in place and allow competition in the best american tradition.